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OFF SVALBARD.

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1. FOLLOWING IS AN UNOFFICIAL EMBASSY TRANSLATION OF THE
NORWEGIAN MINISTRY OF FISHERIES' TEXT OF THE SVALBARD
FISHERIES PROTECTION ZONE REGULATIONS PUBLISHED,
APRIL 28, 1978: BEGIN TEXT:

2. "THE MINISTRY OF FISHERIES TODAY STIPULATED INITIAL
FISHERY REGULATION MEASURES FOR THE FISHERY PROTECTION
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ZONE OFF SVALBARD: CONSERVATION AREAS FOR YOUNG FISH
AT SVALBARD SHALL BE INTRODUCED AS WELL AS REGULATIONS
GOVERNING FISHING GEAR AND MINIMUM SIZE. THE REGULATIONS
SHALL APPLY TO NORWEGIAN AND FOREIGN FISHERMEN ON A
NON- DISCRIMINATORY BASIS."

3. " THE FISHING GROUNDS IN THE SVALBARD

REGION ARE AMONG THE PRINCIPAL GROWTH AREAS FOR SEVERAL FISH POPULATIONS, NOTABLY THE STOCK OF COD, UP TO 25 PERCENT OF THE NORWEGIAN ARCTIC COD MATURE HERE AND THE TAXATION OF SMALL FISH HAS BEEN FAR ABOVE A DEFENSIBLE LEVEL FOR SOME YEARS. THE COD CATCHES IN THE SVALBARD AREA HAVE VARIED QUITE CONSIDERABLY FROM YEAR TO YEAR, BUT ON THE AVERAGE ABOUT 25 PERCENT OF THE COD CATCHES IN THE BARENTS SEA, I.E. SOME 150,000 TONS, HAVE BEEN CAUGHT OFF SVALBARD: THE PRESERVED AREAS WHICH ARE BEING INTRODUCED ARE BASED ON SCIENTIFIC RECOMMENDATIONS AND WILL HAVE THE RESULT THAT OVER-FISHING IS SHIFTED FROM YOUNG FISH TO OLDER COD. THAT WAY RECRUITMENT TO THE STOCK WILL INCREASE."

4. " THE YOUNG FISH AREAS WHICH ARE NOT INTRODUCED INCLUDE THE YOUNG FISH GROUNDS OFF SVALBARD WHICH ARE OF MAJOR IMPORTANCE. THE PRESERVED YOUNG FISH ZONES SHALL EXTEND WITHIN 15 NAUTICAL MILES ON THE WEST SIDE OF SPITSBERGEN NORTH TO 77 DEGREES 30' N, AND 20 NAUTICAL MILES FROM THERE TO 80 DEGREES N AND FURTHER TO 14 DEGREES EA. FURTHERMORE, FISHING OTHER THAN SHRIMP FISHING WILL BE PROHIBITED. THE FISHING BAN IN THESE AREAS SHALL ALSO APPLY WITHIN THE TERRITORIAL WATERS OF 4 NAUTICAL MILES. THE PRESERVATION AREAS SHALL TAKE EFFECT AS OF MAY 15 THIS YEAR:"
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5. "THE REGULATIONS WHICH THE MINISTRY OF FISHERIES HAS STIPULATED AS REGARDS MESH WIDTH AND MINIMUM SIZE FOR FISH IN SVALBARD WATERS WILL BE IN COMPLETE ACCORDANCE WITH THE REGULATIONS PREVIOUSLY ADOPTED BY NEAFC. THEY WILL CONSEQUENTLY, AS REGARDS THE OPERATION OF THE FISHERY OFF SVALBARD, NOT REPRESENT ANY CHANGE FROM THE CURRENT RULES."

6. "IN CONNECTION WITH THE STIPULATION OF THE REGULATIONS THE MINISTRY WILL STRESS HOW IMPORTANT IT IS THAT THE SVALBARD FISHERY HAS NOW BEEN REGULATED. WITH THE EXCEPTION OF OBLIGATORY REPORTING RULES THE SVALBARD WATERS HAVE THUS FAR BEEN THE ONLY FISHING GROUND OF IMPORTANCE TO NORWEGIAN FISHERMEN WHICH HAS NOT BEEN SUBJECTED TO NATIONAL REGULATION SYSTEMS FOR CONSERVATION OF THE FISH RESOURCES. FURTHERMORE, THE INTRODUCTION OF THE PRESERVATION AREAS WILL MAKE A MORE SENSIBLE EXPLOITATION OF THE RESOURCES POSSIBLE AND THUS CONTRIBUTE TO BUILDING UP THE STOCKS:" END TEXT.
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